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INSTRUMENTS
Group Art Unit : 3763

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Transmitted herewith is a Supplemental
Information Disclosure Statement in the above-identified
application. This Statement is submitted:

- ☐ [] within three months of the application filing date;
- ☒ [X] more than three months from the application filing date but before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, submission of this Statement requires no fee. However, if for any reason a fee is due, the Director is hereby authorized to

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Respectfully submitted,



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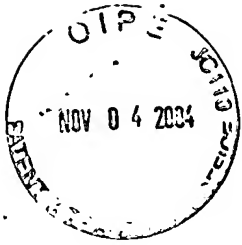
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98,
applicants hereby make the following documents of record in
the above identified application:*

U.S. Patents

6,749,613	06/2004	Conchy et al.
6,689,146	02/2004	Himes
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Pursuant to the PTO's waiver of the requirement
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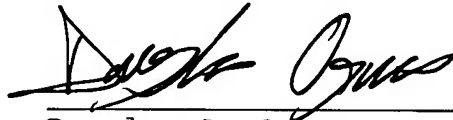
not submitted copies of the cited U.S. patent documents,
which are listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449.

It is respectfully requested that these documents
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during the examination of this application; and (2) printed
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Applicants request that a copy of Form PTO-1449, as
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An early and favorable action is respectfully
requested.

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